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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BF, US

SUBJECT: AUTECH - OVERLAP OF SEABED

REF: NASSAU 1177

1. (C) REFTEL REPORTED THAT PART OF THE SEABED AREA SOUGHT FOR EXCLUSIVE USE BY USG, IN THE REGION OF THE TONGUE OF THE OCEAN OFF ANDROS ISLAND, OVERLAPS SEABED AREA ALREADY UNDER PRIVATE SEABED MINERAL EXPLOITATION LEASE FROM GCOB TO MARCONA ARAGONITE CONCERN. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM NLO HAS IDENTIFIED THIS AREA TO BE WITHIN THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:

23 DEG - 10'N LAT

23 DEG - 10'N LAT

24 DEG - 20'N LAT

24 DEG - 20'N LAT

77 DEG - 30'W LONG

76 DEG - 20'W LONG

77 DEG - 30'W LONG

76 DEG - 20'W LONG

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2. (C) THE MARCONA LEASE DOES OVERLAP THE SOUTHERN HALF

OF THE EXCLUSIVE SEABED AREA SOUGHT BY THE US. SPECIFICALLY THE LEASE AREA AFFECTS PART OF THE CABLE AREA ASSOCIATED WITH SITES 3 AND 4 (AUTC WEAPONS RANGE) AS DEPICTED ON CHART NO. 26300. FURTHER, THE MARCONA LEASE ENCOMPASSES ACTIVE SITES (AND RESPECTIVE SEABED LEASE AREAS) 6 AND 7

AND UNDEVELOPED SITES (AND RESPECTIVE SEABED LEASE AREAS) 5,8,9, AND 10.

3. (C) UK CROWN LEASE NO. 428 DATED 17 FEB. 1965 PROVIDES SPECIFIC SEABED LEASE AREAS FOR AUTEC SITES 1 THROUGH 10. TERM OF THE LEASE RUNS FOR 99 YEARS. THE STATED PURPOSE OF THE LEASE IS USE FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH AUTEC AND THE UK MOD IS PROVIDED THE RIGHT TO USE THE AREAS "WITHOUT INTERRUPTION BY THE LANDLORD OR BY ANY PERSON RIGHTFULLY CLAIMING OR IN TRUST FOR HIM." INFORMATION PROVIDED BY NLO 12 JUL INDICATES UK MADE INITIAL ANNUAL PAYMENT ON LEASE NO. 428 IN APRIL 74 WHICH WOULD INDICATE LEASE IS OPERATIVE. IN VIEW MOD RIGHT TO UNINTERRUPTED USE, SOME DOUBT EXISTS THAT GOBI WAS AWARE OF UK LEASE WHEN, SIX MONTHS LATER, MARCONA LEASE WAS GRANTED. IN THIS REGARD WE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF THE MOD WAS CONSULTED AND/OR CONSENTED IN THE MARCONA LEASE.

4. (C) WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER COMMENT AS TO POSSIBLE IMPACT ON US NAVY UNTIL WE CAN EXAMINE THE MARCONA LEASE. IN THIS REGARD, WE UNDERSTAND NLO IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN COPY OF LEASE FOR OUR USE. KISSINGER

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